

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY**

**7:00 P.M.**

**JULY 8, 2013**

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by President of Council Darryl Segina with the following Members of Council present:

**RC-1      PRESENT:      DANIEL CARR, DARRYL SEGINA,  
FAWN WALKER-MONTGOMERY,  
RICHARD DELLAPENNA, ALFRED  
TEDESCO, JR., KEITH SOLES, DALE  
McCALL**

Reverend Warren Smith from St. John Lutheran Church said the prayer.

Mr. Segina said also present were Mayor Michael Cherepko, City Administrator Matthew Gergely, City Solicitor J. Jason Elash and members of the Administration. He said the Sergeant at Arms tonight is Chief Washowich.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:      Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr.  
Dellapenna, "To approve the minutes for the  
Regular Meeting of Council on June 5, 2013  
at 7:00 p.m."**

**RC-2      YEAS:      CARR, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY,  
DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, SOLES, McCALL ... 7**

**NAYS:      NONE..... 0**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Received a memorandum from James D. Ritzman, Deputy Secretary for Planning, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, RE: Local Bridge Owner Responsibilities During Flood Events.
- Received notification from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, RE: Reimbursement Notification because of the severe weather. Ms. Williams said they gave the City an extra payment.
- Received notice that there will be a one-day collection event for materials to be reused by local non-profit organizations. It is being held August 3, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Goodwill Workforce Development Center, 118 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Received the Fire Report from Fire Chief Kevin Lust.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Cherepko said on the Agenda this evening there are a couple of items he wanted to touch on briefly. He said many of the audience members were here at the last meeting. He said the City will be entering into a contract with UPMC McKeesport. He said as they may have seen on the news a few months back, they will be placing an armed officer on site at UPMC McKeesport at all times. He said that is the first item he will be asking Council to approve this evening. He said it is a great opportunity to continue the City's community partnership with UPMC. He said it is actually important for the residents to know that the City and UPMC meet on a regular basis. He said the City realizes the importance of having the largest employer here in the City. He said the City looks forward to working with UPMC and

continuing support on a whole other level with this and into the future.

- Mr. Segina said he would like to interject. He said the Mayor said that all UPMC Hospitals will receive the same kind of protection from the various police departments in that area. He said he doesn't want the audience to think that McKeesport has been pinpointed for anything.
- Mayor Cherepko said oh no, Mr. Segina is exactly right. He said all of UPMC is doing this. He said District Attorney Stephen Zappala came out a few months back, in light of some of the incidents that were actually happening in some of the other hospitals. He said it is not necessarily the local police department. He said sometimes the University of Pittsburgh will provide service or in the City's case, the City worked out a deal to have the McKeesport Police Department man UPMC McKeesport. He said that is correct, it is all of UPMC's hospitals.
- Mayor Cherepko said the other thing he wanted to touch on is that the Charter is on the Agenda. He said they talked about that quite extensively. He said he had the opportunity to sit in on the meetings that Mr. Tedesco chaired. He said the committee was made up of Councilwoman Fawn Walker-Montgomery, Councilman Rich Dellapenna and Councilman Dale McCall along with three residents. He said they really put their time in and put their heart and soul into making these decisions that were in the best interest of clarifying the Charter. He said he thinks that is important. He said they had a discussion earlier and he thinks there were other changes that could have been made, but they were not looking to change the Charter or have people vote it down because of one item. He said Mr. Tedesco spoke about a hot topic. He said it wasn't that these topics were not discussed, but they tried to stay away from the very

controversial topics that would maybe lead to the amendment being voted down by the citizens. He said he wants to commend their efforts. He said it was definitely a learning experience for all parties involved. He said it was an opportunity to see that the City's Charter, even years ago, was written in a way that it is not quite as ambiguous as people make it out to be. He said there were some areas that maybe they shouldn't assume and he thinks they did a great job of clarifying that.

- Mayor Cherepko said there is another item on the Agenda this evening which is the appointment of a Community Development Director. He said he will be asking Council at the end of the meeting to appoint Mr. A. J. Tedesco as the Community Development Director. He said he thinks it is an absolutely tremendous step in the right direction. He said one thing his Administration has done from day one is to extend the invitation ... and he calls it an invitation which he thinks was pointed out by Mr. Dan Carr at one of the meetings. He said it is not just a slogan or a motto. He said it is an invitation to work together for a better McKeesport. He said it is time to put all the political differences aside. He said the obstacles and challenges that they face in the City of McKeesport and throughout the entire Mon Valley are extremely challenging. He said the bickering, in-fighting, and the controversy do nothing to promote this City. He said as a matter of fact it is quite the opposite. He said it holds them back. He said all too often in politics they see a vindictiveness and an arrogance. He said in his mind, those have no part in local government. He said they need to put those political agendas and self-interest aside and focus on the best interest of the City. He said they have a gentleman in the audience today, and he would be remiss if he did not acknowledge him. He said the Honorable Senator James Brewster is here and he is by no means a stranger to this City and to each and every one of them. He said Senator Brewster is a personal friend of his and a mentor. He said Senator Brewster is an absolutely wonderful friend to this

City. He said it is amazing to see that not long ago that his seat was in jeopardy of going out to the Poconos. He said how disheartening is it to sit back and think that they had some of their own residents that wanted to see him lose that seat for whatever reason. He said maybe the Senator didn't get a chance to go see this or help them with something. He said maybe it was just purely political vindictiveness. He said the Senator is not only a resident of McKeesport but was a Mayor who provided a wonderful foundation after a very difficult four years that this City faced years ago. He said he built this foundation for them to take and run to the future. He said he says that ... and it is very nice to have the Senator here, but he says that to really put it out there so people can grasp what he means about political vindictiveness and bitterness. He said people want to see them fail outright. He said don't be naïve and think that is not out there. He said there are people who continuously try to help them fail. He said he knows Jamie is here this evening and he will let Council take care of that later. He said when Mr. Tedesco takes on this new job, he will be resigning from Council. He said he thinks Council will make the recommendation of someone who recently ran for Council and put her time and energy in, and will appoint Jamie Filotei to fulfill the last four or five months of Mr. Tedesco's term until she takes her own seat in January. He said Jamie is another person. He said he has had an opportunity to teach with Jamie and play ball with Jamie and her sisters when he was a young kid. He said she is a tremendous asset to the community and school district. He said he has seen her as a mentor in the classroom and on the field. He said now she wants to help out and be part of something very special as they take the City into the future. He said he wishes her the best of luck. He said they talked about this years ago and now the time is here and hopefully shortly. He said with all that being said, he wants to go back to Mr. Tedesco. He said he has known Mr. Tedesco for a very long time. He said he is 36 years old and has known A.J. for 30 years. He said they graduated from high school

together. He said they have had their political differences. He said the bottom line is that he does not recall a time in this meeting or this Council Chambers that he truly ever was against what they may have been trying to do because of his own political agenda. He said sometimes people just have different opinions and they can agree to disagree. He said he thinks Mr. Tedesco has always done a tremendous job of that. He said without question, his qualities speak for themselves. He said as a two-time Councilman and someone who ran for Mayor, he has that passion and is a life-long resident. He said Mr. Tedesco knows the needs of the residents, still lives in the City and will continue to live in the City. He said what Mr. Tedesco has to offer the Administration ... and to put whatever political interest he may have had to the side ... he will come in and be a Department Head and work with his Administration to move this City forward, takes a tremendous act of courage. He said he honestly and truly looks forward to working with Mr. Tedesco. He said as they take these Department Heads ... last month Steve Kondrosky was one they brought in. He said he said this about Steve and he will say it about Mr. Tedesco, his qualifications on paper, education and everything he may have ... the quality he really brings that will be the biggest asset to him personally and to the City is his passion to see the betterment of the City. He said when they brought Steve in last month, he felt the same way about him. He said this is what they are trying to do thanks to the foundation that the Senator set up. He said they are looking to really build something special between the Administration and City Council. He said let it go. He said whatever has happened in the past, let it go. He said it is time they worked together and time to put it aside. He said he thinks this speaks volumes for what they are trying to do. He said he always said to his kids as an educator for 12 years, actions speak louder than words. He said he thinks they are showing that here. He said he looks forward to working with Mr. Tedesco with the approval of Council this evening. He said he for one, would never have anyone

come into this Administration that didn't feel that the better days of McKeesport lie ahead of them. He said he knows Mr. Tedesco and his heart are there and he looks forward to working with him.

- Mr. Tedesco said thank you.
- Mayor Cherepko said that concludes his report.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she has a question for the Mayor. She said it is not related to anything he just said. She said she read in the paper about the Mayor's Select Committee that got the grant from the Heinz Foundation. She said she wanted to ... and she talked to Annette about putting her on the mailing list so she can come to more of the meetings and find out more about it ... but she just wanted to figure it out. She said she knows that Mr. Allen wrote that grant. She said did he right that grant.
- Mayor Cherepko said it was not Mr. Allen, Mr. Fitzpatrick wrote that grant.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said was he hired by the City to do that and is that money going to the City.
- Mayor Cherepko said if she remembers last year when he first came on, he was working with Mr. Fitzpatrick a few months before he took office. He said Council approved Mr. Fitzpatrick to serve as their Community Opportunity Specialist at no cost to the City. He said what he would do is write grants and reach out and go with the Agenda of their Administration. He said Mr. Fitzpatrick's money is made when he gets the grants. He said most grant writers get a small percentage. He said that is a grant that will be run through their office and he will implement the grant as their Community Opportunity Specialist. He said they will actually be housed on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor in the City Hall Building and

there will be access there as well as in the community. He said what this grant is for is that they have been focusing in the Select Committee on Crime and Violence on the youth and trying to ... the bottom line is to try to provide the youth with as many positive life-learning experiences as possible. He said they are doing other things also. He said this particular grant is about Community Service. He said all too often when they hear the words Community Service, the kids think of Community Service as a punishment because sometimes that is what happens when the Honorable Gene Riazzi, who is here this evening, and other Magistrates hand out sentencing. He said what they are trying to instill in these kids is a sense of pride in the Community, a sense of giving back because it is the right thing to do, the sense of ownership. He said what the grant will do is there will be roughly 25 core kids and it will be run with the School District. He said it goes through a two-year grant to over 300 kids in various community projects throughout the City. He said they will start out with 25 core kids and those kids will recruit, with the help of educators and other assistance, a group of kids to do several community projects that will be ideas that they will come up with. He said the City is not going to tell them what to do, they will do community service projects for themselves. He said this is a grant that they just received and all too often they hear about the Heinz Foundation and to be quite honest, he doesn't want to use the word never, but it has been a very long time if ever, that the Heinz Foundation has given a grant to the City of McKeesport or any organization in the City. He said they are very excited about it. He said more importantly than that, he thinks it is a building block, a foundation. He said they are looking for sustainability and other things to come from this. He said he is hoping that now that they have that, it will give them instant credibility and will not just be a fly-by



institution. He said they have other grant opportunities popping up and they are now a "Playful City USA." He said they are 1 out of 207 throughout the country and they are getting a KaBoom playground. He said no one is saying that it will eliminate this addiction to crime and violence that they have in the community because that is not the case. He said he truly believes it is part of the long term solution of really being there. He said the more interaction they can have with the youth today ... and it might not be him or her or the Chief but it could be a teacher or an ex-coach or a volunteer that is part of these community service projects. He said the individual may truly build a rapport with a mentor and trust them. He said those are the types of things that they are doing and that is what this grant is for.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she is happy to hear that the City is collaborating with the School District because since she has been on Council, she wants to make sure that the money reaches the kids that it actually needs to reach. She said those kids who are actually out there doing it. She said she thinks the school district would be a good way to identify them. She said just for clarification purpose, when he says "our office" does he mean the Mayor's Office. She said is this something that Council needs to get involved in. She said is it running through the City of McKeesport.
- Mayor Cherepko said it is running through the City and through the Mayor's Office and is part of the Select Committee. He said that includes any Council people who want to be involved. He said if she remembers back when they had the Select Committee's grant kickoff, the sub-committee of the message committee, they had Council do the resolution. He said they need Council's support on this. He said she is going to see some new signs go up that will be purchased by business owners. He said she will see where it says

support McKeesport's Message Committee and has the Love, Hope, Respect, and Dignity – Working Together for a Better McKeesport. He said there will be 4 x 8 signs going up and at the very top, across the top, is going to be a business name. He said Sue Striffler with Striffler's Funeral Home is going to be one of the first ones. He said she has already committed to purchase a sign. He said she will see them around the City and they will put up as many as possible. He said if she thinks back after the 1995 State Championship Team, they had all those signs around the City just to build up some pride in the City. He said the signs said "Home of the Champions" "Pride, Teamwork, Dedication." He said these signs are the same type of idea and will have a business name on it. He said they are going to do the same thing here and it will basically say "Striffler's Funeral Home supports McKeesport's Message." He said they are going to put these up. He said these are in addition to the other obvious ones of working with the Police Chief. He said Chief Washowich is at all the meetings that he can attend and if not he sends a representative. He said they are working hand in hand with him. He said the school district always has someone on that committee. He said obviously there is the Boys and Girls Club, the Housing Authority, the Task Forces and the list goes on and on. He said there are different entities that just want to be part of moving the City forward.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said with that being said, is this something that will go to the General Fund or do they even have that worked out yet.
- Mayor Cherepko said what's that.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said the grant money.
- Mayor Cherepko said the grant will go in just like any of the other grants. He said just like any other grants,

they will see it in their budget so it is just like any other grant they get. He said when they do the budget ... if they start drawing from it this year, they may have to redo a part of the budget at the next meeting to show that. He said it will be just like when they have other grants coming in and grants going out. He said the Committee will run their own budget within that. He said Council may have to show ... and this is something Mr. Malinchak sat down with them a long time ago and talked about a lot of the other accounts that go on the money flows that they want to see in the budget. He said it will be shown as a Revenue and an Expenditure, one big one both ways. He said the Committee will then manage how they break it down. He said it is a grant that is going to the City of McKeesport, that is correct.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said does anyone else have a question about that.
- Mr. Segina said is there any chance they can open up the wading pool this year. He said he knows it is late but even if it is on a limited basis, they have had so many requests out there.
- Mayor Cherepko said they looked into that. He said he truly believes that something will be in there next year. He said it was a lot more costly than what they figured. He said for one thing, the water is not recycled. He said it doesn't go through a cleaner and then get reused. He said it is just like running a hose all day long. He said the damage to the surface itself is pretty extensive although nothing major. He said what they are looking into doing is, for example, using the same material they did on the Lysle Parking Garage, where rocks were falling. He said they sprayed that material on there. He said they are going to try to do the same thing there. He said they actually looked into doing a

whole new set up there and he was very shocked at how costly those types of water parks are. He said they are sometimes \$200,000. He said he does agree they need to do something there. He said it is probably not going to be done this year, but will be done next year in addition to all the work that will be done on the playgrounds and upgrading all the playgrounds throughout the City also.

- Mr. Segina said that is good news. He said he is glad to see they have plans for it next year. He said they are expensive to do and what they need is a recycler out there to recycle the water going through it. He said he knows that is expensive also. He said there was a nice water playground out at Round Hill Park that is not very big but there were tons of kids underneath. He said it had a bucket and a spray and everything.
- Mayor Cherepko said it is funny that Mr. Segina brought that up, that is one of the ones they looked at and it was one of the ones that was over \$300,000.
- Mr. Segina said he is not talking about the playground, he is talking just about the water park.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is what he is talking about, just the water park.
- Mr. Segina said that takes care of the issue of the wading pool then. He said are there any other questions or comments for the Mayor. He said they will start with Mr. Tedesco.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- Mr. Tedesco said he would like to thank the Mayor for everything he said earlier. He said normally he speaks off the cuff and pretty short and to the point. But being that

this will be his final Council report, he actually prepared something for tonight so bear with him. He said first he would like to say that he believes the Mayor and he are sending a positive message to this City. He said political feuds in the Mon Valley have always tended to be for life. He said this benefits no one. He said they are able to now show that two Mon Valley politicians can put their previous disputes aside to join together for a greater common good. He said this was not an easy decision, especially coming after a Council election. He said he poured his heart and soul into elections. He said he had two goals: the first was to win, the second was to aid Councilwoman Montgomery-Walker in her re-election. He said both were successful. He said when it came time for him to decide, he spoke with his family and close supporters. He said he remembered what made him run for office to begin with: making a positive impact on this City. He said at this meeting, he will have been a Councilman for just 42 months. He said but in those 42 months, he was able to make a positive impact. He said now going from a part-time role to a full-time position, he has an opportunity to make a larger positive impact. He said since the news has surfaced, he has heard from many of his supporters. He said all of them were positive of this move. He said these are the people that have gone through as many as three consecutive elections with him. He said the only negative response he heard was third-hand or anonymous cowards that either were never supporters or were not truly supporters of his but simply pretenders that thought he was going to fulfill their own hidden agendas. He said he would like to thank his loyal supporters who know just as they have always sat with him on this seat on Council, they will also now sit with him as Community Development Director. He said with all of this said, effective at the conclusion of voting on Bill #131 on Monday, July 8, 2013, he will resign from McKeesport City Council. He said thank you and he will miss serving with Council.

- Mr. Segina said thank you Mr. Tedesco.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she just wanted to say to A.J. that she will definitely miss him. She said she wished him all the luck and is sure that they will keep in touch. She said she just wanted to thank him for his service. She said she has a couple of things she would like to report on. She said first she would like to talk about the Business District Authority. She said she would like to let Council know that they are in the process of going over their financial accounts. She said they have a checking account at Huntington and a savings account at Huntington. She said they have three Certificates of Deposit at First Commonwealth Bank, one CD matured on July 2 and the Authority voted to cash that CD in. She said they also voted to move ahead with putting some money into revitalizing the downtown area as far as garbage cans, benches, plants, trees, cameras and street lights. She said they are in the process of gathering bids on those from companies they have used in the past as well as forming some new relationships as well. She said she is also in the process of filing an annual report that all Authorities have to file. She said they actually have not filed that report since 2005. She said she is working with Matt to try and get that report filed. She said they did tell her that the report had to come with a CPA Audit. She said she was going to talk to Ray about that because the report has to have an Audit attached to it. She said they have not filed a report since 2005. She said she is working on that. She said she talked to Dan Carr about International Village recognizing three businesses with some plaques. She said she wanted to talk to the Mayor and anyone on Council who has any ideas to let her know. She said before she moves on, are there any questions about the Business District Authority.
- Mr. Segina said he has one question. He said are they applying for any grants because as an authority, that was why it was created, so that they can procure money through either Federal, State or County grants. He said

do they have any intention of doing that for the downtown area.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said yes, and if he knows of any, that would be great. She said they actually have a good bit of money in their checking account, \$7,000.00 and the savings account, \$11,000.00. She said they also have the three CDs and they were going to use that to revitalize the downtown area as far as lights, etc.
- Mr. Segina said what are the CDs worth.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said \$5,000.00.
- Mr. Segina said don't tell the Mayor.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said since they are talking about playgrounds and the summer, she will again bring up the ban on smoking. She said where are they with that and can they do that. She said she would like to do it now because it is summer and she goes to the playgrounds with her daughter and there are people smoking at the playgrounds.
- Mayor Cherepko said what they wanted to do ... and he agrees with her. He said they were trying to make it go hand in hand with the renovations with the playgrounds. He said that has been pushed back and has not been done yet, but they would like to have a grand opening of the playgrounds and the smoking ban on the playgrounds all at one time. He said they want to take it to another level too which they have discussed with Chief Washowich several times and Magistrate Riazzi in regard to Safe Zones. He said they also want to look into the possibility of making the playgrounds designated safe zones so that when acts of crime occur or there is drug activity, then they hope to increase the fines and punishments in those areas. He

said it would be a collaborative effort between the local magistrates but also with the District Attorney's office. He said they are trying to hit that all at one time. He said that is why he held it off. He said he will be honest with her that he knows Councilman Dan Carr was running with that and he asked Dan to hold off on that so they could do this all at once. He said they will be renovating all five playgrounds and will be putting a brand new playground in one of them through the KaBoom project.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said since they don't meet in August, will it be in September.
- Mayor Cherepko said if all playgrounds can be completed by then, which they are hoping, then he thinks that would be good to do it all in September. He said even if the Safe Zones don't happen right away, they can add that. He said at least the No Smoking and the renovations can be ... they have had numerous complaints come in about dogs in the playgrounds also. He said he thinks that is something that needs to be looked at. He said obviously there are health concerns with that. He said September is a very good possibility.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she also wanted to thank the community. She said there are a lot of events that go on in McKeesport. She said a lot of times they don't hear about them, not because of lack of advertising but because there is so much going on. She said she thinks that is a good problem to have. She said there are a lot of groups with a lot of things going on. She said they had two fairs in one day and people are having outreach activities on a daily basis. She said she just wanted to highlight the City. She said she doesn't want to name them all because she doesn't want to leave anyone out. She said there are a lot of events going on



in this City and she wanted to say to her colleagues up here that they need to try to go to some of them. She said they can't go to all of them because they all have families themselves. She said they need to try to reach out and try to go to as many events as they can. She said a lot of people are doing a lot of good things in the City of McKeesport. She said she wanted to let them know that her church, Rainbow Temple, and Operation Save Our Youth are having their Third Annual Walk, Run or Ride Against Violence in McKeesport at Renzie Park. She said she passed out the flyers. She said that will take place Saturday, August 3. She said she also wanted to thank the Mayor, the Police Chief and Public Works for working with them on that. She said the Mayor is sponsoring their T-Shirts and the Police Department comes out every year and donates their time to make sure the route is safe for the participants and the police are on the motorcycles following them. She said she wants to thank everyone for that and she hopes they all come out.

- Mr. Segina said thank you Ms. Walker-Montgomery. He said the only comment he has on what she said is that they are looking at the smoke ordinance on the playgrounds. He said perhaps they should take a look at the entire ordinance they have on the playgrounds, incorporating keeping dogs out and whatever, such as vandalism. He said the Recreation Commission could review the old ordinance they have and then go over it to incorporate the smoke ordinance into that with the recommendations of the Commission as to what changes they should make with the playgrounds. He said the playgrounds have always been a problem and have always been vandalized. He said they have had a lot of problems with them. He said maybe they could incorporate everything into one if the Recreation Commission would meet and make that one of their projects. He said thank you for bringing that up.

- Mr. Dellapenna said he would like to congratulate A.J. on his new position. He said he wishes him well and thanks him for the service he has given to the City.
- Mr. Soles said he has nothing to report at this time.
- Mr. Carr said he has nothing to report at this time.
- Mr. McCall said he has nothing to report at this time.
- Mr. Segina said he would like to comment on something that he got from Joe Oshinsky. He said there is a bicycle run with a motorcycle and a run. He said it is a 5 mile run and there are donations.
  - Mayor Cherepko said that is what Fawn was talking about.
  - Mr. Segina said he thought that was Oshinsky's. He said did she talk about it.
  - Ms. Walker-Montgomery said that is what she just talked about.
  - Mayor Cherepko said Joe Oshinsky is having one on July 20. He said they are having that for the foundation.
  - Mr. Segina said both got some publicity out of that then. He said both are good organizations and he thanks them for that.
  - Mr. Segina said the next subject he has is probably going to cause some consternation. He said he hopes they take this all in the right vein. He said last meeting Mr. Malinchak came up and addressed about six or seven audits. He said he doesn't know how many and no one put a motion on the floor to approve that. He said he told Mr. Malinchak that he thought at that time, and he is being very frank ... and Mr. Malinchak can tell him if he is wrong ... that he thought the presentation

was very vague on what he wanted Council to do. He said maybe the idea was right but .... He said he wanted to run this past them. He said they have a change in management at the Palisades and the Marina and with a change, the past couple of years have not been fruitful for the City. He said for example last year they showed a loss of \$64,000. He said he thinks it was more than that because the City is paying \$24,000 to manage and also the insurance on the building and marina. He said the loss was more than that. He said he is calling for an audit of both the Palisades and the Marina. He said he is saying this not because he is pointing the finger at anyone ... or to say who made mistakes or incriminate someone, but when they have an audit, it is going to be a tool for management to use so that they can see what mistakes are made and then they can be corrected. He said evidently there were some things that were not being done right or correctly down there. He said for them to have a loss like they had down there, he thinks the Marina showed a slight gain down there. He said maybe their business practices were not the best, he doesn't know. He said he is not pointing the finger at someone. He said he doesn't want this to go to the press and be blasted in the paper or whatever. He said he thinks that for the Mayor and new incoming board which Mr. Carr will be heading down there, this would wipe the slate clean for him when he comes in knowing that up to this certain point is not Mr. Carr's responsibility but anything beyond that point would be. He said he thinks it gives a clean slate to all of them so that they can understand what is going on down there. He said otherwise the rate of loss they have down there, it could come to a point where maybe they should sell it. He said it is not feasible for them to keep maintaining this building when they can't even determine the proper net income or loss they are showing there. He said he is saying this in the best interest of the City. He said he is not

looking for any trouble out of it. He said they can take it whatever way they want. He said he is square shooting on this. He said he would like a motion proposed that they do an audit on both the Palisades and the Marina. He said would someone please present a motion to that effect.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she has a question about the motion. She said who would conduct this audit.
- Mr. Segina said they could use the present in-house auditor they have. He said he doesn't want to go out on bids or anything like that. He said this is something they could use as a marketing tool and also as a tool to correct whatever inequities they have down there.
- Mayor Cherepko said he would like to comment. He said he thinks Mr. Carr, as chairman of the board, ... he doesn't think the loss between both entities was as extensive as he thought. He said he thinks that they are still providing a level of service to the residents down there and also attracting people into town. He said he thinks they have some very good ideas regarding what is going to take place down there. He said he doesn't think it is as extensive as Mr. Segina is making it out to be. He said if Mr. Segina would look at the numbers, the bottom line is ... when it comes to the Palisades, they are renting out facilities, where are the revenues and what are they spending. He said he thinks there are some issues as a business man, Mr. Carr as the chairman of the board there, can make some decisions, many of which they talked about to go into a new direction regarding the marketing of the Palisades. He said he doesn't think that those directions have been marketed that way prior to this. He said the Marina itself, if it wasn't for the storm last year when they lost three docks and the insurance did not cover the entire cost, has been profitable. He said

what they are looking to do now, is for the most part, there will be two separate organizations. He said they are going to offset the Palisades losses with the Marina's revenue. He said that is the goal that he and Mr. Carr have going in. He said Mr. Carr can correct him if he is wrong. He said it is a matter of going forward. He said if they do an audit, they will have to pay for an audit. He said he thinks they know a lot of obvious changes need to be made down there and he thinks they are now heading in the right direction. He said that is Council's choice. He said if they have money to throw around, feel free to do so. He said he thinks the bottom line is that they wipe a clean slate and they start from this point and move forward. He said that is all that matters as far as he is concerned. He said that is Mr. Segina's decision and Council.

- Mr. Segina said thank you. He said he would like to say something else. He said he thinks this could be a great tool for Dan Carr to use too. He said he read the profit and loss statement pretty extensively. He said there are two things that stuck out in his mind and one of those was that the liquor purchases exceeded the sales. He said he doesn't know why that happened or why it should happen. He said it is something he thinks that maybe an auditor can look at so that Mr. Carr could rectify it. He said he is not trying to uncover anything under some rocks down there but just use it as a tool itself. He said the other thing is that the entertainment and advertising far exceeded what it should be in the amount of sales they had coming through the door. He said those are some of the problems they have and he is sure an auditor looking at it would find some other things that they could probably correct down there. He said he will ask one more time, because he is obligated to do that, that he would like to have a motion for an audit of the Palisades and the Marina.

- Mr. Carr said he just wants to say that he thinks Mr. Segina answered his own question. He said they need to move forward. He said are they trying to prove doubt or guilt, doubt maybe sells papers and guilt ... is he trying to find someone guilty. He said what is he trying to prove by ....
- Mr. Segina said he thinks he said just the opposite of what Mr. Carr is saying and that is that he is not looking to incriminate. He said in fact he doesn't even want to see that.
- Mr. Carr said but Mr. Segina answered his own question. He said they obviously had problems since they are coming in with a new board so they will be able to correct that problem. He said they need to move forward.
- Mr. Segina said Mr. Carr....
- Mr. Carr said that is what will be good for the City.
- Mr. Segina said this would been a benefit to Mr. Carr, so really ... he is going to ask one more time and then they will shut off the subject. He said he will ask for a motion to approve an audit for the Marina and Palisades.
- Mr. Tedesco said he thinks they would probably find common ground if Mr. Segina would give that board a chance to get their feet wet and then if they deem it necessary to get an audit, they can come back and request one through this Council.
- Mr. Segina said he believes the last audit they had was back in 1995 down there.
- Mayor Cherepko said and bringing it up now ... isn't that a problem within itself.

- Mr. Segina said what's that.
- Mayor Cherepko said he is bringing this up now.
- Mr. Segina said he thought that the audit showed that ....
- Mayor Cherepko said it goes back to the speech that he just gave.
- Mr. Segina said ... on a biannual basis.
- Mayor Cherepko said ... about people that want to see them fail. He said that is the reality.
- Mr. Segina said up until this point, they are obligated to the Palisades.
- Mayor Cherepko said no one ever brought it up before.
- Mr. Segina said he is bringing it up now and it already failed. He said Council wins.
- Mr. Carr said he is willing to give Mr. Segina a report that make sense every month. He said then Mr. Segina can question it every month. He said that would move them forward. He said every month they will bring in a report for him about what they have done. He said it will include every event, everything on the books and on the up and up. He said then Mr. Segina can then tell him whether he needs an audit.
- Mr. Segina said he has six months left here and he is not looking for anything under these rocks.
- Mayor Cherepko said actions speak louder than words.
- Mr. Segina said he is just looking to better their business practices down there.
- Mayor Cherepko said he can say what he wants.

- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said she does know that since she has been on Council, Darryl has asked and brought up an audit before. She said he also asked for reports before. She said she thinks they have gotten two reports so far because they both asked several times. She said moving forward Dan, she hopes that he will provide them with monthly reports. She said Darryl has asked for that and did bring up an audit before. She said he brought this up before and it is nothing new. She said this has been brought up before.
- Mayor Cherepko said this has been going on for about two years now.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said he brought this up several times before so ...
- Mr. Segina said that's because it never happened.
- Ms. Walker-Montgomery said alright it never happened. She said this is not the first time she or anyone else has heard it. She said he has brought it up before. She said she agrees with Mr. Tedesco when he said there is common ground and that as they move forward they are given monthly reports.
- Mr. Segina said as long as the City is paying \$24,000 out of the City's General Budget line item to the Palisades, plus the insurance, he thinks this Council has a right to know exactly what is going on instead of waiting for a year end report, which they had to pull teeth to get. He said this a tool that all of management uses and it is nothing incriminating and he is not pointing the finger at anyone, certainly not Mr. Carr because he is just taking it over. He said so be it. He said the motion never occurred so they will go on with the meeting. He said there are no Citizens in the Audience. He said they will continue to New Business.



**CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:**

No one present wished to speak.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #2013-22 – BILL #129: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIRECTING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER AT McKEESPORT.**

**MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To adopt Bill #129."**

**RC-3** YEAS: CARR, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY,  
DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, SOLES, McCALL ... 7  
NAYS: NONE..... 0

**ORDINANCE #13-15 – BILL #130: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL POLICE PENSION, ANNUITY, INSURANCE AND BENEFIT FUND OR FUNDS, TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION PLAN OR PROGRAM APPLICABLE TO THE POLICE OF SAID MUNICIPALITY TO ADD A DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM (DROP).**

**MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To adopt Bill #130."**

**RC-4** YEAS: CARR, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY,  
DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, SOLES, McCALL ... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

**ORDINANCE #13-16 – BILL #131: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUESTING THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT TO UPDATE SAID CHARTER AND CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS THEREOF.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Dellapenna moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To adopt Bill #131."

**COMMENTS:**

- Mr. Tedesco said he just wants to reiterate that the three citizens were Mustafa Musa, Assunta Tyskiewicz and John Yost. He said they were the ones who served on that year long committee and he would like to thank them.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks all of Council wishes to express their gratitude for the work they did on this. He said while he asked questions on this ... and he knows sometimes people don't like to hear questions and they put a negative connotation to it, he thinks it is his right as a Councilman and as a citizen when something is brought up as important as this, that questions may be asked. He said maybe he did misunderstand some of the writings that were in the Home Rule Charter Proposal itself, but he thinks he does have some other good feelings or bad feelings about some of the other parts of it. He said he will vote yes on this because he thinks it is the right of the people to approve the Home Rule Charter. He said with that, they will proceed with the vote.

**RC-5** YEAS: CARR, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, DELLAPENNA, TEDESCO, SOLES, McCALL ... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Tedesco said it was appropo that this was his final bill. He said he is officially now resigning as a member of McKeesport City Council.
- Mr. Segina said they need a motion to approve Mr. Tedesco's resignation.

**MOTION:**      **Mr. Carr moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To accept the resignation of Mr. Alfred J. Tedesco, Jr. as a member of City Council."**

**RC-6**      YEAS:      CARR, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY,  
    DELLAPENNA, SOLES, McCALL ..... 6

                 NAYS:      NONE..... 0

                 ABSTAIN: TEDESCO..... 1

- Mr. Segina said Mr. Tedesco resigned so he can now vacate his seat. He said by law they have to appoint a person within thirty days or the Court of Common Pleas will appoint a person for that particular seat. He said so that would not happen, they are going to have an appointment this evening and everyone is in concurrence with that. He said Mr. Dellapenna can now make the motion.

**MOTION:**      **Mr. Dellapenna moved, seconded by Mr. Carr, "To appoint Jamie Filotei to the empty seat on City Council."**

**RC-7**      YEAS:      CARR, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY,  
    DELLAPENNA, SOLES, McCALL ..... 6

                 NAYS:      NONE..... 0

- Mr. Segina said would Ms. Filotei please come forward. He said Mr. Riazzi is going to give the oath of office to Ms. Filotei.

- Mr. Riazzi said would Ms. Filotei please raise her right hand and repeat after him. He said I, state your name.
  - Ms. Filotei said "I, Jamie Brewster Filotei."
  - Mr. Riazzi said "Do solemnly swear."
  - Ms. Filotei said "Do solemnly swear."
  - Mr. Riazzi said "that I will support, obey and defend."
  - Ms. Filotei said "that I will support, obey and defend."
  - Mr. Riazzi said "the Constitution of the United States."
  - Ms. Filotei said "the Constitution of the United States."
  - Mr. Riazzi said "and the Constitution of this Commonwealth."
  - Ms. Filotei said "and the Constitution of this Commonwealth."
  - Mr. Riazzi said "and I will discharge the duties of my office."
  - Ms. Filotei said "and I will discharge the duties of my office."
  - Mr. Riazzi said "with fidelity."
  - Ms. Filotei said "with fidelity."
  - Mr. Riazzi said "so help me God."
  - Ms. Filotei said "so help me God."
  - Mr. Riazzi said congratulations.
  - Ms. Filotei said thank you.

- Mr. Segina said before Ms. Filotei takes her seat, would she like to address the chamber at the podium please. He said she can say whatever she wants.
- Ms. Filotei said she just wanted to thank Mayor Cherepko and Council for their support. She said she appreciates the appointment. She said she brought five bucks in case Rich lost again and she had his back on that. She said she also wanted to wish A.J. well. She said thank you.
- Mr. Segina said thank you and please take your seat. He said this is scary, two more women and they will lose the majority here.

**RESOLUTION #2013-23 – BILL #132: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING ALFRED J. TEDESCO, JR. AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**

**MOTION:**      **Mr. Dellapenna moved, seconded by Mr. Carr, "To adopt Bill #132."**

**RC-8**      YEAS:      CARR, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY,  
    DELLAPENNA, FILOTEI, SOLES, McCALL ..... 7

                 NAYS:      NONE..... 0

- Mayor Cherepko said they need A.J. Tedesco and Steve Kondrosky so they can be sworn in.
- Mr. Segina said he thought only elected officials got sworn in. He said he talked to Mr. Elash about that.
- Mayor Cherepko said Patty says "no" and she is the boss here. He said Matt got sworn in when he came in. He said Patty is saying they all get sworn in.

- Mr. Segina said will Mr. Kondrosky please come forward and Mr. Tedesco. He said they don't have to hold hands, just stand there.
- Mr. Riazzi said raise your right hand and repeat the following after me. He said "I, state your name, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity, so help me God."
- Mr. Tedesco said "I, A. J. Tedesco, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity, so help me God."
- Mr. Kondrosky said ""I, Steven Kondrosky, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity, so help me God."
- Mr. Riazzi said congratulations.
- Mr. Tedesco said thank you.
- Mr. Kondrosky said thank you.
- Mr. Segina said did they notice the harmony these guys produced. He said they must have practiced. He said they are now done with the formalities.

### **CONTROLLER'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Malinchak said should he proceed.
  - Mr. Segina said yes.

- Mr. Malinchak said he did not want to interrupt this session here. He said he has a question for the Mayor. He said he and the Mayor have talked about the recycling reimbursement. He said they were trying to figure out how the accounting was going to take place. He said he just wanted to bring to the Mayor's attention that if he looks at the monthly financial report, on page 6, they are budgeting \$25,000 for recycling and they have collected \$214 to date. He said could the Mayor look into that and find out how the recycling is going.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is not for recycling. He said the City has nothing to do with recycling. He said he would have to look at ....
- Mr. Malinchak said it is a reimbursement for recycling.
- Mayor Cherepko said honestly, if he wants to know the truth, that is probably a mistake and should be \$0 because he doesn't think they are getting reimbursed for recycling. He said Nickolich takes care of all of that now. He said they subcontract that out now.
- Mr. Malinchak said who gets the reimbursement now.
- Mayor Cherepko said Nickolich does.
- Mr. Malinchak said then they should be deleting this line item from the budget then.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is correct. He said there are a lot of line items that should come out of the budget, if they are talking about the same thing.
- Mr. Malinchak said he is talking about....
- Mayor Cherepko said it is not Greenstar because Greenstar would be more than \$25,000. He said unless it is the Greenstar revenue they are supposed to get

out of it but he doesn't think that is supposed to start now.

- Mr. Malinchak said that is what he is talking about.
- Mayor Cherepko said they are not going to get that revenue because of the way things unfolded.
- Mr. Malinchak said where did this \$214 come from.
- Mayor Cherepko said it is probably a mistake.
- Mr. Malinchak said does he think it is an error in posting.
- Mayor Cherepko said yes. He said he thought they had more than \$25,000 though.
- Mr. Malinchak said they had \$25,000 budgeted.
- Mr. Elash said they thought it would happen mid-year so they did not put the whole amount in.
- Mayor Cherepko said okay. He said that is the loss of revenue that they were counting on.
- Mr. Malinchak said so that is the \$25,000 loss of revenue then.
- Mayor Cherepko said that they anticipated, yes.
- Mr. Malinchak said can that item then be deleted.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is correct.
- Mr. Malinchak said they can take it to \$0.
- Mayor Cherepko said they have to keep it in the budget now for the means of having a budget. He said Council approved the budget but when it comes to the 2014 Budget, that will not be in there.



- Mr. Malinchak said is it possible that they could be entitled to some reimbursement.
- Mr. Segina said that is what he was trying to interject here. He said they have to get the tonnage from Nickolich on a monthly basis telling them how much the City recycled so that it can be accumulated. He said at the end of the year they then apply for a grant to the Department of Environmental Protection so they can get some monies for recycling. He said even though they are not getting any money for recyclables they are dumping, they will get credit for the tonnage that they gave them through the City and then they get an endowment from the DEP based on that. He said they should be getting a report every month on the amount of recyclables that they picked up.
- Mayor Cherepko said they can look into that. He said he and Mr. Malinchak talked about that and Nickolich said he doesn't have to show them that.
- Mr. Malinchak said first of all, he is right because he doesn't think they have it in the contract. He said on the other hand, he thinks maybe the DEP may require records that they are not aware of.
- Mayor Cherepko said that is probably true and what he is probably talking about is the reimbursements when you are in compliance with the DEP. He said they were not in compliance although he thinks last year may have been the first year they were.
- Mr. Malinchak said he thinks they should look into that please.
- Mayor Cherepko said yes, most certainly.
- Mr. Malinchak said to make sure they are not leaving money on the table.

- Mayor Cherepko said it is somewhere in the ballpark range of \$6,000 to \$8,000 they can get back.
- Mr. Segina said regardless of whether they apply for the grant, the DEP requires that they report the amount of recyclables. He said that is to show that the City is complying with the recycling program itself. He said then of course, they can ask the DEP for a grant application so they can apply for the recycling actually picked up.
- Mayor Cherepko said he will ask Steve and they will look into that tomorrow.
- Mr. Segina said the reason he says that is because even the Hospital and the School District and other businesses they have around here that do recycle, those can be put on that report and then applied to the DEP. He said they will then get money based on what they collected. He said it doesn't have to be from the City itself.
- Mr. Malinchak said there may be some money they are leaving on the table. He said he recommends that Council approve the Bills in the amount of \$82,932.28.

**MOTION: Ms. Walker-Montgomery moved, seconded by Mr. Dellapenna, "To approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$82,932.28."**

**RC-9** YEAS: CARR, SEGINA, WALKER-MONTGOMERY,  
DELLAPENNA, FILOTEI, SOLES, McCALL ..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President of Council Darryl Segina adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Williams  
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Darryl Segina  
President of Council

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